

CAPSULE SUMMARY

CT-944

Joseph Cobb Lore, Sr. House

14356 South Solomons Island Road

Solomons, Calvert County

1896

Private

The Joseph Cobb Lore, Sr. House at 14356 South Solomons Island Road is an excellent illustration of the vernacular housing constructed on Solomons Island and throughout Calvert County at the turn of the twentieth century. In 1896, eight years after moving to Solomons Island from New Jersey, Joseph Cobb Lore, Sr. purchased the unimproved property at 14356 South Solomons Island Road for \$150.00 and had a large wood-frame house erected on the site. Lore was the founder of the J.C. Lore Company. The company, established at the height of the Chesapeake oyster industry, specialized in the packing and shipping of Patuxent River fish, crabs, and oysters. The company, renamed J.C. Lore and Sons, became one of the largest and most successful seafood packing companies in Southern Maryland. The company closed in 1978, when it fell victim to the Chesapeake Bay's troubled oyster industry. A small building at the back of the Lore House property was operated as a store by Kenneth "Gus" Lore in the first half of the twentieth century. This modest building was the first of Gus Lore's confectionery and ice cream shops.

This two-and-a-half-story dwelling has an I-house form augmented by a two-story ell, a one-story addition, and two two-story additions. The wood-frame structure rests upon a stretcher-bond brick foundation and is clad with wood weatherboard siding. The side-gable roof, sheathed in asphalt shingles, has a front gable set over the main entry opening. The main block of the house was originally three bays wide with a central entry, but now reads as four bays wide because of a hipped-roof side addition on the south elevation. The original two-story ell has a gabled roof and the two-story addition along the side of the ell has a hipped roof. The one-story addition has a hipped roof and paired 6/1 windows with louvered shutters. There is one interior-end brick chimney in the main block, and an exterior-end brick chimney on the two-story southern addition. The one-story front-gabled portico over the main entry has a boxed cornice, elliptical-arched ceiling, and Tuscan columns. The associated historic outbuildings include a secondary dwelling at the rear of the lot, and a garage.

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Inventory No.

CT-944

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph Cobb Lore, Sr. House

other Zahniser House

2. Location

street and number 14356 S. Solomons Island Road not for publication

city, town Solomons vicinity

county Calvert

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Anna L. Zahniser & Sarah Z. Yeats

street and number 1515 Cedear Ln. telephone Unknown

city, town Lusby state MD zip code 20657-2953

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 44B:9

city, town Pr. Frederick liber JLB 104 folio 636

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

| Category | | Ownership | | Current Function | | Resource Count | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | district | <input type="checkbox"/> | public | <input type="checkbox"/> | agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> | landscape | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | private | <input type="checkbox"/> | commerce/trade | <input type="checkbox"/> | recreation/culture | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | structure | <input type="checkbox"/> | both | <input type="checkbox"/> | defense | <input type="checkbox"/> | religion | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | site | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | domestic | <input type="checkbox"/> | social | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | object | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | education | <input type="checkbox"/> | transportation | | |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | funerary | <input type="checkbox"/> | work in progress | | |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | government | <input type="checkbox"/> | unknown | | |
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Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SETTING

The Joseph Cobb Lore, Sr. House is located at 14356 South Solomons Island Road in the Avondale area of Solomons. The house is set on Lots 9 and 10, consisting of 27,925 square feet. The property is located at the corner of South Solomons Island Road and B Street. The secondary dwelling is located to the east at 155 Woodbury Street. The garage is located to the east of the main house.

PRIMARY RESOURCE

This two-and-a-half-story dwelling has an I-house form augmented by a two-story ell, a one-story addition, and two two-story additions. The additions date from the middle part of the twentieth century. The wood-frame structure rests upon a stretcher-bond brick foundation and is clad with wood weatherboard siding. The side-gable roof, sheathed in asphalt shingles, has a front gable set over the main entry opening. The main block of the house was originally three bays wide with a central entry, but now reads as four bays wide because of a hipped-roof side addition on the south elevation. The original two-story ell has a gabled roof and the two-story addition along the side of the ell has a hipped roof. The one-story addition has a hipped roof and paired 6/1 windows with louvered shutters. There is one interior-end brick chimney in the main block, and an exterior-end brick chimney on the two-story southern addition. The one-story front-gabled portico over the main entry has a boxed cornice, elliptical-arched ceiling, and Tuscan columns. The single-leaf, fifteen-light wood door is framed by two-light, paneled sidelights with a molded lintel and a three-light transom. The 2/2 wood-sash windows have narrow-molded surrounds, projecting ogee-molded lintels, and louvered shutters.

SECONDARY RESOURCES

The associated historic outbuildings include a secondary dwelling at the rear of the lot, and a garage. The address of the secondary dwelling is 155 Woodbury Street. It is a one-story structure with wood weatherboard siding, a front-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles, and a portico supported by square wood posts. The tympanum of the portico is clad with wood German siding. The house has 2/2 wood-sash windows, and a wood paneled door. The garage is a one-story, three-bay, wood-frame structure that is clad in wood German siding, and is capped by a side-gable roof covered in sheets of corrugated metal, with overhanging eaves, and exposed roof rafters. Two of the bays are open vehicle bays, while the third has a double-leaf, vertical-wood-board door.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000- | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | |

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|---------------------------|------|--------------------------|---------|
| Specific dates | 1896 | Architect/Builder | Unknown |
| Construction dates | 1896 | | |

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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A small building at the back of the property was operated as a store by Kenneth "Gus" Lore in the first half of the twentieth century. This modest building was the first of Gus Lore's confectionery and ice cream shops.

ENDNOTES

(1) Richard J. Dodds, compiler, Solomons Island and Vicinity: An Illustrated History and Walking Tour, Solomons, MD: Calvert Marine Museum, 1995, #54.

(2) In 1980, with assistance from the Maritime Heritage Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Calvert Marine Museum purchased the Lore building and the oyster house was restored. It was listed as a Calvert County Historic District and a National Historic Landmark as a rare surviving example of a relatively unaltered early-twentieth-century seafood packing plant. The intact original processing equipment significantly adds to the importance of this nomination. The facility is part of the Calvert Marine Museum's interpretation of the commercial fisheries of the adjacent Patuxent River.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. CT-944

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.64

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Solomons Island

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Joseph Cobb Lore House is located at 14356 South Solomons Island Road, Solomons, Calvert County, Maryland. The historic house, along with its historic outbuildings, is noted on Tax Map 44B, Parcels 9 and 10. It has been historically associated with Parcels 9 and 10 since the building's construction in 1896.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization EHT Traceries, Inc.

date 11/5/2004

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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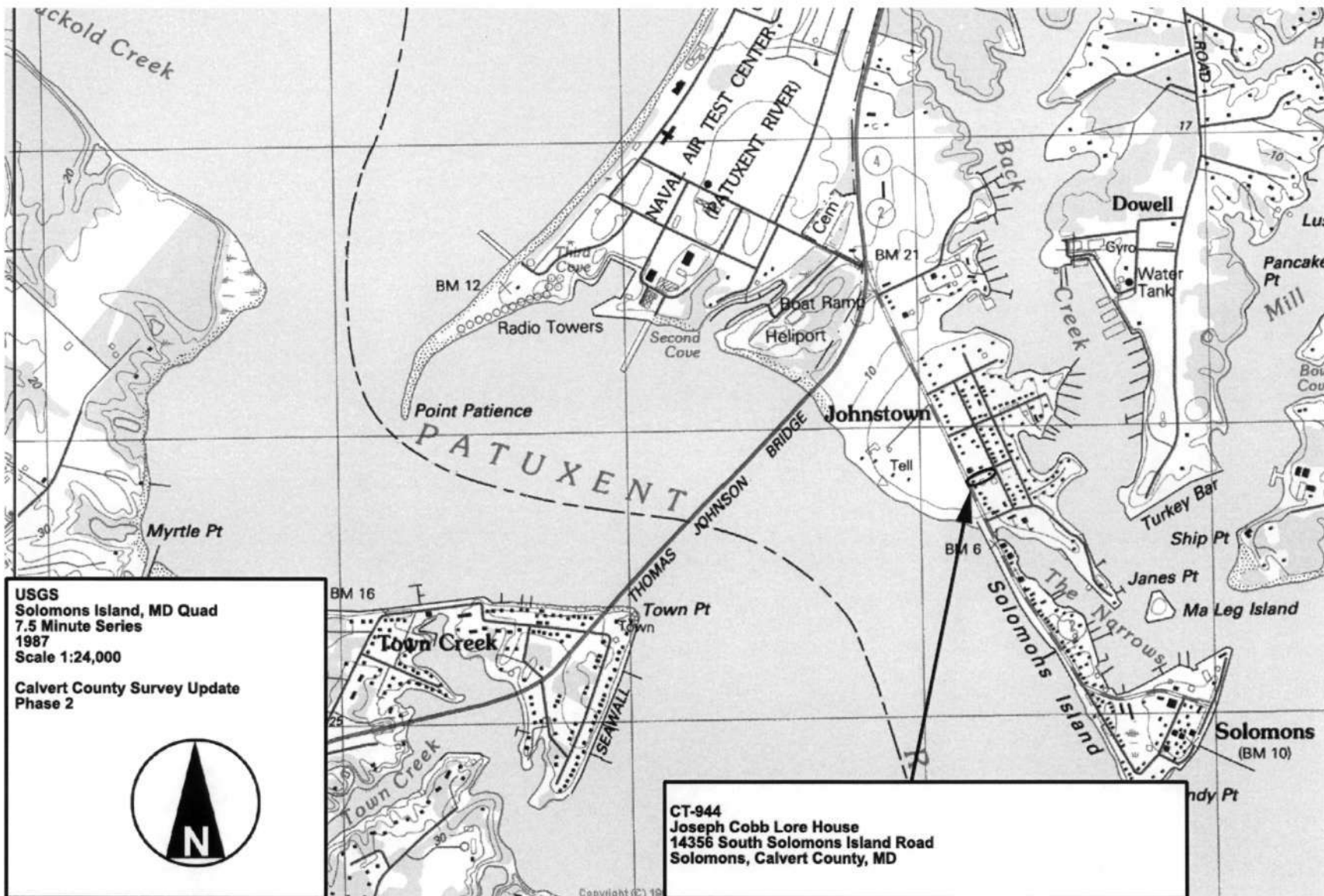
Name Joseph Cobb Lore, Sr. House

Continuation Sheet

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Richard J. Dodds, compiler, Solomons Island and Vicinity: An Illustrated History and Walking Tour (Solomons, MD: Calvert Marine Museum, 1995) #54.

J.C. Lore Oyster House, National Historic Landmark summary. Downloaded from
<http://tps.cr.nps.gov/nhl/detail.cfm?ResourceId=998664639&ResourceType=Building> on 11/3/2004.





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Joseph Cobb Lore House, 14356 S. Solomons
Island Road

Calvert County, MD

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looking southeast

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Joseph Cobb Lore House, 14350 S. Solomons
Island Road

calvert county, md

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looking north at facade

2084



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Joseph Cobb Lore House, 14356 S. Solomons
Island Road

Calvert County, MD

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looking east at secondary dwelling

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Joseph Cobb Lore House, 14356 S. Solomons
Island Road

Calvert County, MD

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MD SHPO

looking south at garage

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Zahniser House

2. Location

street & number Solomons Island Road S. (MD 2) & B Street ___ not for publication

city, town Solomons ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| ___ district | ___ public | <u>X</u> occupied | ___ agriculture ___ museum |
| <u>X</u> building(s) | <u>X</u> private | ___ unoccupied | ___ commercial ___ park |
| ___ structure | ___ both | ___ work in progress | ___ educational <u>X</u> private residence |
| ___ site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | ___ entertainment ___ religious |
| ___ object | ___ in process | <u>X</u> yes: restricted | ___ government ___ scientific |
| | ___ being considered | ___ yes: unrestricted | ___ industrial ___ transportation |
| | <u>X</u> not applicable | ___ no | ___ military ___ other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Anna Zahniser

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Solomons state and zip code MD 20688

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-944

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This substantial late nineteenth-century house faces west onto Solomons Island Road at the terminus of B Street. It is a three-bay gable-roofed I-house with a centered front-facing gable and a two-story hipped-roof wing built onto the south gable end. There are brick interior gable-end chimneys and an added two-story rear ell. The windows of the original section of the house are glazed with two-over-two double-hung sash and the side-lighted and transomed front doorway is sheltered by an arched and gable-roofed stoop supported on Doric columns. The windows of the two-story additions are glazed with six-over-six double-hung sash.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Directed historical research would more firmly establish the historical significance of this site.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-944

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

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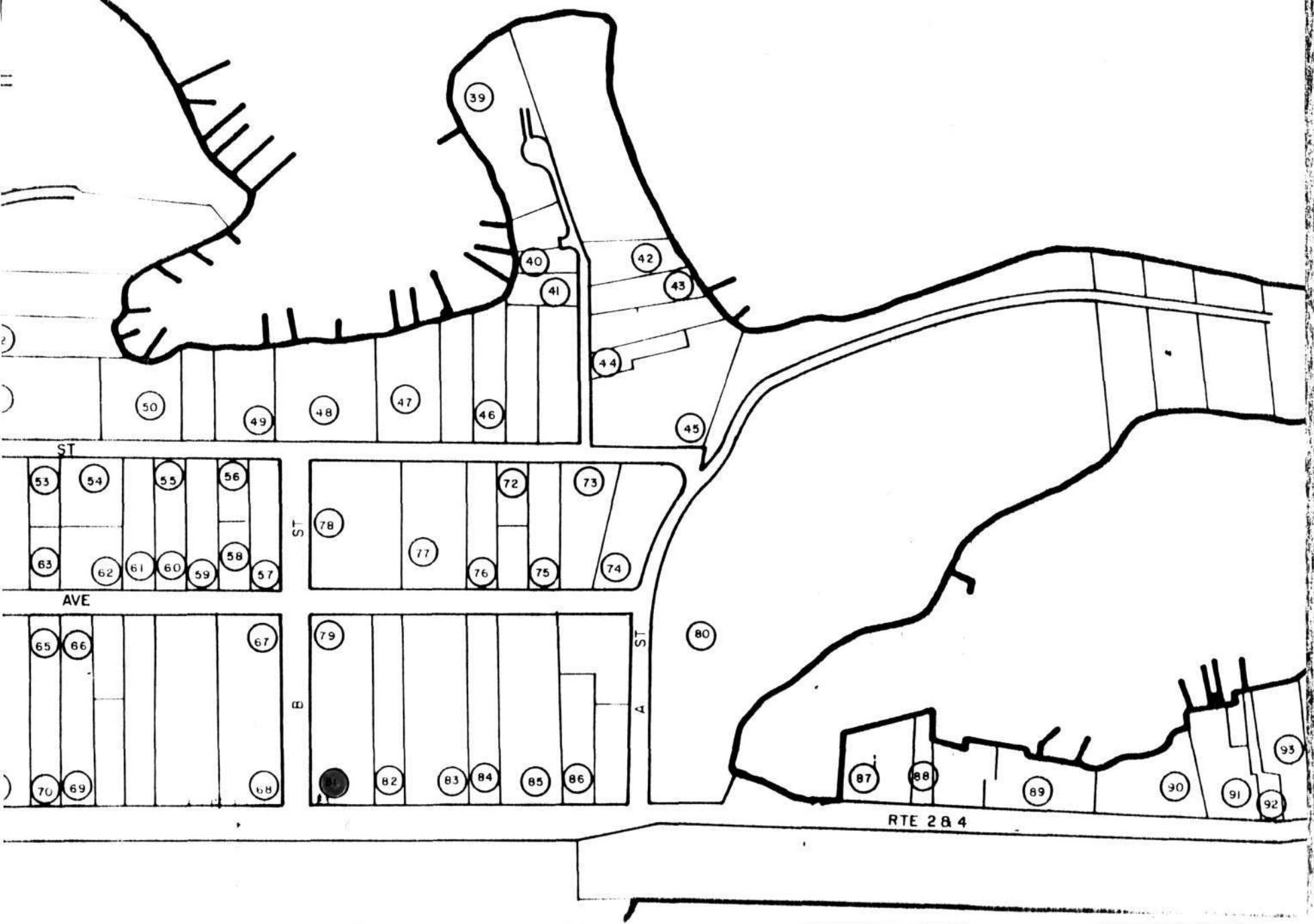
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Solomons Island Road
Solomons

Camille Wells
view from the southwest

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